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SRI K. ARANGANATHAN :—" பி. மெமோ கொடுக்கும்பொழுது சாகுபடி செய்யப்பட்ட நிலங்களில பயிர்கள் இருந்தால் பயிரை அழிக்காமல, அபராதத்தை மாத்திரம் வசூலிக்க ஏற்பாடு செய்யப்படுமா ? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" I think I will have to examine this question, Sir." 11-10 a.m.

SRI T. NAGI REDDI :—" இந்தக் கேள்வி சபைக்கு வந்த பிறகும் கூட மந்திரி 'மெமோராண்டம் அனுப்பியது எனக்குத் தெரியாது' என்றால் அவரிடமுள்ள ஆபீசர்கள் எதையும் இவரிடம் தெரிவிப்பது கிடையாதா ? " (Laughter.)

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER:—" మీరు అడిగినప్రశ్న నాకు సరిగా తెలియలేదు. " (Renewed laughter.)

SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" Is the Hon. Minister aware of the fact that in some of the poramboke lands where crops had been raised by tenants, the Collector of Chingleput district made use of cattle to destroy them because he was not prepared to waive the arrears of rent due from the tenants? Is such a step justifiable in these days of food shortage? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" The hon. Member has always got the peculiar knack of jumping from one district to the other, Sir. He has now referred to Chingleput district."

*Scheme of house-rent allowance sanctioned to Government servants.*

* 38 Q.—SRI K. KRISHNA RAO: Will the Hon. the Minister for Accommodation Control be pleased to state—

(a) what percentage the rent allowance paid to Government employees in the city should normally bear to the rent for houses allotted to them;

(b) the proportion the basic salary of Government employees should bear to the rent fixed for houses allotted to them in the city; and

(c) whether the fixing of rent for an allotted house at a figure greater than 20 per cent of the salary (basic) is prohibited?

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" (a) Under the scheme of house-rent allowance sanctioned to Government servants employed both in the City and mufassal who are in receipt of pay not exceeding Rs. 150, the allowance bears no relation to the rent actually paid by the Government servants who are allotted houses. The rules governing house-rent allowance provide that it shall be admissible to Government servants within the above pay-limit, who are not entitled to free quarters in lieu of Madras House Allowance or any other house allowance that they may be drawing.

As regards Government servants who are drawing more than Rs. 150, no house-rent allowance is paid. As regards those who belong to a cadre of service liable to be employed either

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in the Madras City or in the mufassal, if employed in Madras City, they are eligible for Madras House Allowance when the house rent actually paid by them is in excess of 10 per cent of their emoluments, if the house is unfurnished, or 12½ per cent if furnished. The amount of the allowance will be the actual excess over 10 or 12½ per cent of the emoluments, as the case may be, subject to certain maxima prescribed in rule 13 on pages 7–9 of the Madras Manual of Special Pay and Allowances, Volume I, extract of which is placed [a] on the table of the House.

"(b) The rent payable for houses allotted under the Madras Buildings (Lease and Rent Control) Act, 1949, is the rent demanded by the house owner or the fair rent fixed by the Rent Controller, as the case may be, irrespective of the pay of the employee.

"(c) No."

SRI P. VENKATASUBBIAH :—" In view of the high cost of living, will the Hon. Minister consider the desirability of extending the grant of house-rent allowance to Government employees who are residing in big towns, though not in municipalities?"

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" A separate question may be put."

*Non-confirmation of certain non-gazetted officers in the Revenue Department in Malabar district.*

* 39 Q.—JANAB KUNHI MUHAMMAD SHAFEE : Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) the number of non-gazetted officer in the Revenue Department in Malabar district with a service of 15 years or above who are not yet confirmed;

(b) the number of such officers in each grade; and

(c) the reasons, if any, for their non-confirmation in general.

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" (a) 11 (eleven).

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| " (b) Lower division clerks ... ... ... | 6 |
| Upper division clerks ... ... ... | 3 |
| Deputy Tahsildars ... ... ... | 2 |

" (c) The earliest of the existing vacancies arose on 16th April 1943. In 1945, orders were passed that no vacancy which has tob e reserved to be filled by War Service Candidates and which occurred on or after 1st April 1943, should until further orders, be filled by the appointment of approved probationers already in service. In 1947, final orders were issued for filling up the substantive vacancies. The Collector then reported the number of vacancies that remained to be filled and the persons to be confirmed to the Board of Revenue.

[a] Printed as Appendix on pages 176-178 infra.